

Board of Directors

**Regular Meeting**

**3/14/24 at 6:00 p.m.**

Santa Margarita Community Room  
2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, California

**Minutes**

**1. Convene**

1.1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Leishman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Santa Margarita Community Room. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid setting.

Directors

Bill Ekwall

Wade Leishman

Chris Perri

Danny Reber

Ruth Stiles

Junior Board

Alexander Schulz

Jasmine Schulz

Staff

Robert Bosso, Legal Counsel

Nate Gillespie, Operations Manager

Rahni Jensen, Executive Assistant / Board Clerk (remote)

Nick Kurns, Finance and Customer Service Manager

David McNair, General Manager

Guests

Pete Dennehy

Catherine Wade

Anne Santivera

Greg Kassner

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Director Stiles led the pledge, and Director Reber led the invocation.

1.3. Closed Session Report

None.

1.4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

1.5. Oral Communications

None.

**2. Presentation**

Montgomery & Associate's Annual Water Update

Pete Dennehy, Montgomery & Associate's

Dennehy with Montgomery & Associate's presented the Annual Water Update, Dennehy answered questions, the Board discussed.

**3. Administrative**

*Items are informational in nature and do not include an agenda report.*

Scotts Valley Water District Board of Directors

Minutes – 3/14/24

Page 2

3.1. Committee and Other Agency Meeting Reports

Engineering and Water Resource Committee 2/26/24

Director Leishman summarized the Climatec presentation provided during the committee meeting.

Finance & Personnel Committee 2/28/24

Director Perri summarized the CLASS presentation provided during the committee meeting.

Executive & Public Affairs Committee (none)

Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board 2/29/24 – oral

Director Perri summarized the meeting and welcomed the new staff representatives.

**4. Consent**

*Items are routine in nature, may include agenda reports and be approved by one motion.*

4.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 2/8/24

Approved the minutes of the 2/8/24 Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION Ekwall/Stiles carried to approve the consent agenda as submitted by unanimous voice vote.

**5. Public Hearings** (none).

*Items include an agenda report with recommendation, an oral staff report or presentation.*

**6. Business**

*Items are complex in nature, considered individually, and each item includes an agenda report with recommendation and an oral staff report or presentation.*

6.1. Grace Way Well Mitigated Negative Declaration

Wade with Dudek provided a presentation of the Grace Way Well Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board discussed.

MOTION Perri/Reber carried to adopt Resolution No. 02-24 to adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Grace Way Well Project by unanimous roll call voice vote.

AYES: Ekwall, Leishman, Perri, Reber, and Stiles

NO None.

ABSENT None.

## Scotts Valley Water District Board of Directors

Minutes – 3/14/24

Page 3

### 6.2. Water Supply Conditions

McNair presented the current Water Supply Conditions, compared to last year. The Board discussed.

## 7. Staff Reports

### 7.1. Legal

District Counsel Bosso discussed upcoming State Water Resource draft regulations. Bosso announced that the previous drilling company for the Sucinto Well project, Maggiora Brothers, had come to a settlement and will repay 90% of expenses within 90 days.

### 7.2. Administrative

General Manager McNair discussed recent LID project meeting that took place, a recent meeting with the Polo Ranch HOA, who accepted the Scotts Valley Water District's offer for a permanent easement for future well sites, McNair discussed an upcoming event with Santa Cruz County and Affordable Housing Now where he was invited to speak on water related topics. McNair provided further information on the Climatec presentation in the most recent Engineering & Water Resources Committee meeting.

### 7.3. Finance

Financial Reports 07/01/23 through 1/31/24

Quarterly Financials

Finance and Customer Service Manager Kurns discussed an agreement for a Rate Study for the Scotts Valley Water District's current and future interties, an RFP is open to find a new auditor, and that the District is nearing an agreement for new banking services. Kurns also presented the Financial Reports from 07/01/23 - 1/31/24.

### 7.4. Operations

Operations Report

Rainfall Data through 02/29/24

Operations Manager Gillespie discussed the Sucinto Well construction project, the Bethany Drive main replacement project, a failure at Well 11B that occurred on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the steps that were taken to isolate and remedy the failure. Gillespie discussed upcoming flushing, and the completion of the Consumer Confidence Report. The Board discussed.

## 8. Directors Reports

Travel and Meetings.

Scotts Valley Water District Board of Directors

Minutes – 3/14/24

Page 4

Director Reber provided an announcement of recent and upcoming Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce news and events.

**9. Written Correspondence (none).**

**10. Community Relations**

March Newsletter

SCWD General Manager Retirement

SMGWA Annual Audit Report

**11. Closed Session (none).**

**12. Report on Closed Session and Additional Items (none).**

**13. Future Items**

Proposed Project Budget

AR Investment Policy

IRWM Program Update

**14. Meetings and Event Calendar**

Board Meetings

04/11/24

05/09/24

06/13/24

Committee Meetings

03/27/24 Finance & Personal

03/25/24 Engineering & Water Resource

04/24/24 Executive & Public Affairs

**Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency**

Board Meeting 05/23/24

**15. Events (none).**

**16. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved:

DocuSigned by:  
*Wade Leishman*  
358F5B000895421...

Wade Leishman, Board President

Attest:

DocuSigned by:  
*David McNair*  
455E6F70FDE740B...

David McNair, Board Secretary